

GOOD COMMUNITY HOUSE BENEFITS

Distinct Pleasure Experienced by People of Neighborhood in Owning Buildings.

MANY VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS

Structure Should Be Large Enough to Serve Needs of Every Organization, and Should Be Located Conveniently.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

A community house "is good" from church building to church building from schoolhouse to schoolhouse, from hall to hall, but so long as it lives that way it will never experience the distinct pleasure that comes from occupying its own home in the form of a community house. A good community house adds something to the life of the community, in the opinion of specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, set forth in "Farmers' Bulletin," 1173, "Plans of Rural Community Buildings," now ready for distribution.

Before a community decides the question of erecting a building, says this bulletin, it should make a thorough study of the local situation.

The study should show that an actual need for the building is felt by the varied organizations of a public nature, as well as by the people. It should demonstrate that the building can and should be maintained as a permanent institution. After it has decided to erect a building numerous questions arise concerning the building, but little detailed technical information and many valuable suggestions, together with pictures and floor plans of a wide variety of community buildings now in actual use.

Make Survey of Community Needs.

The first step, it is pointed out, should not only determine the need of a community building, but also the most desirable type. The bulletin advises that the building be erected to serve the present needs of every member of the community and every organization, regardless of party, creed, or class, matter how far distant they may be, and should be located in a place which is accessible by all members of the community.

Raising the money for the undertaking is cited as one of the important problems. The amount to be expended cannot be accurately estimated at advance. Department specialists advise



Neighborhood House in Arizona. That before an attempt is made to estimate the funds required for a well-directed campaign of education, it should be carried through the surrounding country, with the object of making known the benefits to be derived from the erection of the building.

Every community will have its own particular uses and requirements, and these can be determined only by the people themselves. A standard community building, however, it is pointed out, should have as a minimum these accommodations:

Accommodations of Every Building. An assembly room, with movable seats, that can be used as a meeting place for the people of various organizations. With the seats removed the room will be available as a gymnasium, as a lecture room, as a dining room, or for sales and trade shows.

A stage on which lectures, plays and various entertainments can be given and which may have a screen for motion pictures.

A kitchen where food may be prepared.

A place where lunches, suppers and banquets may be served.

The more advanced communities will have, it is thought, other accommodations which should be specifically estimated in determining the size of the structure. It is well to take future growth into consideration. Details of the various features of planning, construction, and maintaining a community house are contained in the bulletin ("Farmers' Bulletin," 1173), which may be had upon request of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Department Bulletin 825, "Rural Community Buildings in the United States," another publication of the department, gives the history of the community building movement.

MAN'S GUIDE TO FERTILITY

Black Soils Stand First and Are Followed by Browns, Dark Gray and Yellow.

Color has always been the practical man's guide to soil fertility and the scientific man finds it just as useful after working out the reasons back of it. In reality fertility black soils stand first, followed in order by the browns, and dark gray, then the yellow and light gray, the lightest of which are nearly white.

Dormant Sheep or Lambs

Dormant sheep or lambs not only can be handled more conveniently on the farm than cattle with horns, but if put on the market either as stock calves, feeders, or finished fat cattle, will sell for more.

Watch Your Lubricating.

Lack of lubrication has cost many carcasses and ruined many a piece of machinery. Let us not forget that bearings on machines must have oil or grease and that without lubrication friction will soon burn out the bearing.

Roup in Chickens.

Roup in chickens is a highly transmissible disease and is characterized by a diarrhea. The germ that causes the disease has never been isolated.

WHITEWASHING WILL KILL MANY INSECTS

Spraying Is Effective in Destroying Vermin.

Cleanliness Is of Utmost Importance in Keeping Many Pests Under Control—Provides Abundance of Light and Fresh Air.

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So many are the fabrics, both of domestic and imported origin, that no one of them can be said to hold the lead above another. But the thin organdy, which is so easily damaged, certainly has received a lot of attention and all buying signs point to the fact that they will be more popular for daily and evening wear than they have ever been before.

There are two other fabrics, however,

which are to be noted for their softness that makes it becoming.

Slake half a peck of lime and dilute it with 20 gallons of water; add one pound of salt previously dissolved in water; to this mixture add two



quarts of crude carbolic acid. Apply with a spray pump or brush. This, if properly put on, not only kills the mites, but destroys all their eggs and mites even when deposited on to laundry, linens, etc., they are easily killed.

It easier to determine when the pests are present and help to keep the fowls healthy, vigorous, and better able to withstand an attack of lice and mites. The fowls are always the first victims of these parasites, which makes it important that the fowls be kept healthy.

MANY USE NEIGHBORS' SIRENS

Minnesota Breeder Keeps Up and Improves Quality of Livestock by Simple Plan.

The use of good purebred sires does not necessarily involve ownership of a stud farm. The "Sire-Breeding Stock" campaign, which is improving the quality of domestic animals in the country, A Minnesota breeder in Kittson county raises four classes of live stock—cattle, hogs, swine, and chickens. He breeds a purebred bull to his neighbor's purebred sow, and a neighbor's purebred boar to his neighbor's purebred sow. To obtain a purebred boar, he purchases a purebred boar from a registered stud farm.

Another Minnesota breeder has a purebred bull to his neighbor's purebred sow. They are both registered studs.

Another live stock owner in the same county states in a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture, "I do not own a purebred bull, but I have a purebred boar, a purebred sow, and a purebred bull owned by a neighbor." In these cases the quantity of farm live stock kept was relatively small and under such circumstances the arrangements are both simple and practical.

CHICKS DEVOUR DANDELIONS

Little Birds Eat Them in Preference to Grass, but Are Liable to Run the Lawn.

Little chickens are good dandelion diggers. They will eat them deep into the ground and in preference to the grass, but should not be allowed to run on the lawn to eat at a time for fear of ruining the lawn.

Coups Not Existing.

The coups is not as exacting for certain types of soils as some crops. It will thrive on most any type of ordinary fertile soil, provided it has good depth and good moisture. It prefers a sandy loam.

Preferred Hay Crop.

Clover and alfalfa are much to be preferred to soybeans as a hay crop, if available. Fodder corn is much more satisfactory to handle than soybeans.

Set Fowl to Work.

A black-headed chick from the barn floor early in the morning will set them to work and prepare them to sell on sour, filthy ground.

Cause of Poultry Losses.

A large number of outbreaks of disease among flocks of poultry can trace their origin to the poultry feeding on the ground.

Barred Rocks Make Profits.

In most sections of the country Barred Rock is the most popular breed of chickens.

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Feed Chicks Sour Milk.

Successful poultrymen are feeding their spring chicks plenty of milk instead of water.

Summer Fabrics Are Fascinating

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Combination of Strong Colors.

The combinations of strong colors with patches of fine and delicate fabrics are becoming more and more popular.

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